

Lynn Layden: All About Blooms



If the task involves the garden, count Lynn Layden in. This Master Gardener chairs the West Lafayette Tree Fund and Beautification Committee; coordinates Art in Bloom garden tours; greets visitors at Lilly Nature Center, where she created the butterfly garden; and frequently speaks at Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association. She's also served on the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation Board.

Having lived and practiced law in West Lafayette since she married Max 44 years ago, Lynn has given considerable amounts of her time outside family and work to give back to her community. Lynn's volunteer work began as she served on the original long-range planning steering committee for the city. She also committed six years as a board member and treasurer for the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation, 10 years on the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Board, and is beginning her 11th year as a volunteer for the Lilly Nature Center.

Lynn, a Purdue/Tippecanoe County Cooperative Extension Board member, shares her love for gardening throughout the Greater Lafayette community as a planner, leader, and laborer for the Demonstration Gardens at the County Extension site and Cumberland Park site. She delivers produce from the garden to the Lafayette Urban Ministry food pantry and also frequently teaches classes for both adults and children on gardening and recycling.

Lynn has graciously donated her time in other capacities to help better the lives of so many in the community. As a member of the Tippecanoe County Quilting Group, she has stitched quilts for each bed at Faith Baptist's Women's Residential Center. Lynn has served as a caring voice for children in need for 10 years in

her role as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and for the past 30 years, she has been on the Ivy Tech Respiratory Advisory Board.

Aside from her numerous volunteer roles, Lynn treasures her role, perhaps the most, as mother to four children and grandmother to seven.

Thank you, Lynn, for your giving spirit and your devotion to bettering the lives of those around you.